

## PHARMACY BOARD[657]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272C.2, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 2, “Pharmacist Licenses,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment was approved at the September 28, 2010, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendment provides for an exemption from pharmacist continuing education requirements during any period in which a pharmacist is participating in a pharmacy residency program and requires that a pharmacist wishing such exemption petition the Board as soon as possible following commencement of the residency program and prior to completion of the program.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendment not later than 4:30 p.m. on November 23, 2010. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by E-mail to [terry.witkowski@iowa.gov](mailto:terry.witkowski@iowa.gov).

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272C.2.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend paragraph **2.12(1)“b”** as follows:

*b. Exemption for health-related graduate studies.* A pharmacist who is continuing formal education in health-related graduate programs, including participation in a pharmacy residency program, may be exempted from meeting the continuing education requirements during the period of such enrollment or participation. An applicant for this exemption shall petition the board, as soon as possible following enrollment in the qualifying graduate program or commencement of the pharmacy residency program and prior to completion of the qualifying program, on forms provided by the board office. At the discretion of the board, exemption during part-time or short-term enrollment in a health-related graduate program may be prorated for the actual period of such enrollment.